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**WINTER STORMS REPORT FOR JANUARY FEDERALLY-DECLARED DISASTER AND  
FEBRUARY LOCALLY-PROCLAIMED EMERGENCY (AS OF MARCH 1, 2005)**

**FEBRUARY WINTER STORMS**

**Current Activities**

Your Board proclaimed a local emergency on February 22, 2005, as a result of continued and new damage from the severe winter storms experienced in Los Angeles County. The Proclamation has been forwarded to the State with a request that the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency and request a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

- On February 22, 2005, Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) were activated in the cities of Glendale, Los Angeles, Monterey Park, and Pasadena to monitor the effects of the current winter storm.
- As a result of the city EOC activations, the Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) activated on February 22, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. to provide support as required under the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS).
- The cities of Santa Clarita, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Pomona, and La Habra Heights proclaimed Local Emergencies.
- The Coroner's Office reports there have been 12 confirmed winter storm-related deaths since the storms began in December.

- The Department of Public Works continues to evaluate private residences in the contract cities and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Seventy-five roadways in Los Angeles County remained closed as of February 28, 2005.

Gubernatorial and Presidential Declarations are pending and awaiting the results of a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA). The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conduct PDAs in partnership to determine if the data warrants State and Federal declarations. The PDA to evaluate the Los Angeles County declaration began on Monday, February 28, 2005.

- The Chief Administrative Office/Office of Emergency Management has been actively gathering location-specific damage information and addresses for both city and private properties from all cities in the county. This information will be handed over to OES and FEMA for use in the PDA.
- My office will keep your Board informed with the progress of this assessment as more information becomes available.

## **JANUARY WINTER STORMS**

Your Board ratified the Chief Administrative Officer's Proclamation of a local emergency on January 11, 2005, for the storms which hit Los Angeles County in December and January. The Governor signed the State's Declaration on January 15, 2005, and the President made a Federal Declaration on February 4, 2005.

### **Current Status of Local Assistance Centers Associated with the County's January Winter Storms**

- The Castaic and Altadena Local Assistance Centers (LAC) closed on Saturday, February 19, 2005, but the Small Business Administration (SBA) will remain on-site with a Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule until further notice.
- 97 residents visited the Castaic LAC and 129 residents visited the Altadena LAC by the closing on February 19, 2005.
- A new Assistance Center opened in Calabasas on Tuesday morning February 22, 2005, with FEMA and SBA staffing. It was closed on Saturday, February 26, 2005.
- A potential new site, in the Southern L.A. County Region, is being evaluated.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Constance Perett of my staff at (323) 980-2261.

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